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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

14 OBELIA D. VILLAFLOR, et al.,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 v.

17 EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS,
18 INC.,

19 Defendant.

Case No. C 08-04941 MMC

**~~PROPOSED~~ STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**Assigned for all purposes to the
Honorable Maxine M. Chesney**

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation would be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order (“Order”). The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as confidential. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 10, below, that this Order creates no entitlement to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Party: Any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

2.2 Disclosure or Discovery Material: All items or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced, disclosed or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

2.3 “Confidential” Information or Items: Information (regardless of how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards developed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c).

2.4 “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Information or Items: Extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items” whose disclosure to another Party or non-party would create a substantial risk of serious injury that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

2.5 Receiving Party: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

2.6 Producing Party: A Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this action.

2.7 Designating Party: A Party or non-party that designates information or items produced in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

2.8 Protected Material: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as “Confidential” or as “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

2.9 Outside Counsel: Attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who are retained to represent or advise a Party in this action.

2.10 House Counsel: Attorneys who are employees of a Party.

2.11 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their support staffs).

2.12 Expert: A person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this action and who is not a past or a current employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party and who, at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee or competitor of a Party. This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection with this litigation.

2.13 Professional Vendors: Persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium, etc.) and their employees and subcontractors.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel to or in court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

4. DURATION

Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this

Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. A Designating Party must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified, or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process, or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties), expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted, the Designating Party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be appropriately designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" to each page that contains Protected Material. If a portion of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted (either

1 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”).

2 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection
 3 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which
 4 material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all
 5 of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –
 6 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants
 7 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof,
 8 qualify for protection under this Order, then, before producing the specified documents, the
 9 Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
 10 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”) to each page that contains Protected
 11 Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the
 12 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate
 13 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted
 14 (either “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”).

15 With respect to documents produced by third parties, a Party may designate such
 16 documents or the portions thereof containing Protected Material as to that Party at any time
 17 within twenty (20) days after the Party’s receipt of the documents.

18 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that
 19 the Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony identify on the record, before the
 20 close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony, and further specify
 21 any portions of the testimony that qualify as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’
 22 EYES ONLY.” When it is impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is
 23 entitled to protection, and when it appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify
 24 for protection, the Party or non-party that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony may invoke on
 25 the record (before the deposition or proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 20 days to
 26 identify the specific portions of the testimony as to which protection is sought and to specify the
 27 level of protection being asserted (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –
 28 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”). Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately

1 designated for protection within the 20 days after receipt of the deposition transcript shall be
2 covered by the provisions of this Order.

3 Transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately bound by the court
4 reporter, who must affix to each such page the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY
5 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," as instructed by the Party or non-party
6 offering or sponsoring the witness or presenting the testimony.

7 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary, and for any
8 other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the
9 container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL"
10 or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." If only portions of the
11 information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall
12 identify the protected portions, specifying whether they qualify as "Confidential" or as "Highly
13 Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only."

14 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
15 designate qualified information or items as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential – Attorneys'
16 Eyes Only" does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection
17 under this Order for such material. If material is appropriately designated as "Confidential" or
18 "Highly Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" after the material was initially produced, the
19 Receiving Party, on timely notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure
20 that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

21 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

22 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's
23 confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial unfairness, unnecessary
24 economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not
25 waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge
26 promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

27 6.2 Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating
28 Party's confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and must begin the process by

1 conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient)
 2 with counsel for the Designating Party. In conferring, the challenging Party must explain the
 3 basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the
 4 Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the
 5 circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen
 6 designation. A challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it
 7 has engaged in this meet and confer process first.

8 6.3 Judicial Intervention. A Party that elects to press a challenge to a confidentiality
 9 designation after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party may file and serve
 10 a motion under Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable)
 11 that identifies the challenged material and sets forth in detail the basis for the challenge. Each
 12 such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the movant has
 13 complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph and that sets
 14 forth with specificity the justification for the confidentiality designation that was given by the
 15 Designating Party in the meet and confer dialogue.

16 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating
 17 Party. Until the court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the material in
 18 question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation.

19 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed
 21 or produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
 22 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only
 23 to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation
 24 has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 11 below.

25 A Receiving Party must store and maintain Protected Material at a location and in a secure
 26 manner to ensure that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

27 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the
 28 court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any

1 information or item designated CONFIDENTIAL only to:

2 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as
3 employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this
4 litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" that is attached
5 hereto as Exhibit A;

6 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
7 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have
8 signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exh. A);

9 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is
10 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by
11 Protective Order" (Exh. A);

12 (d) the Court and its personnel;

13 (e) court reporters, their staffs, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is
14 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by
15 Protective Order" (Exh. A);

16 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
17 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order"
18 (Exh. A). Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal
19 Protected Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to
20 anyone except as permitted by this Order; and

21 (g) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

22 7.3 Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"
23 Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party,
24 a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
25 – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" only to:

26 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as
27 employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this
28 litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound By Protective Order" (Exh. A);

(b) House Counsel of a Receiving Party (i) who has no involvement in competitive decision-making or in patent prosecutions involving credit reporting systems, (ii) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, and (iii) who has signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” (Exh. A);

(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) (i) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, (ii) who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” (Exh. A), and (iii) as to whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.4, below, have been followed;

(d) the Court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters, their staff, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” (Exh. A); and

(f) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

7.4 Procedures for Approving Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Material to “Experts”:

(a) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed in writing by the Designating Party, a Party that seeks to disclose to an “Expert” (as defined in this Order) any material that has been designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (i) identifies the specific HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL information that the Receiving Party seeks permission to disclose to the Expert, (ii) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state of his or her primary residence, (iii) attaches a copy of the Expert’s current resume, (iv) identifies the Expert’s current employer(s), (v) identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received compensation for working in his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided professional services at any time during the preceding five years, and (vi) identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation in connection with which the Expert has provided any professional services during the preceding five years.

(b) A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the

preceding paragraph may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified Expert unless, within seven court days of delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such objection must set forth in detail the grounds on which it is based.

(c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the Designating Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by agreement. If no agreement is reached, the Party seeking to disclose the material to the Expert may file a motion as provided in Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) seeking permission from the court to do so. Any such motion must describe the circumstances with specificity, set forth in detail the reasons for which the disclosure to the Expert is reasonably necessary, assess the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail and suggest any additional means that might be used to reduce that risk. In addition, any such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration in which the movant describes the parties' efforts to resolve the matter by agreement (i.e., the extent and the content of the meet and confer discussions) and sets forth the reasons advanced by the Designating Party for its refusal to approve the disclosure.

In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Expert shall bear the burden of proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs the Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected Material to its Expert.

8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other litigation that would compel disclosure of any material designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," the Receiving Party must so notify the Designating Party, in writing (by fax, if possible) immediately and in no event more than three court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such notification must include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

The Receiving Party also must immediately inform in writing the Party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the

1 subpoena or order is the subject of this Order. In addition, the Receiving Party must deliver a
2 copy of this Order promptly to the Party in the other action that caused the subpoena or order to
3 issue.

4 The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of
5 this Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its
6 confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued. The Designating
7 Party shall bear the burdens and the expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential
8 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a
9 Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

10 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

11 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected
12 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving
13 Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized
14 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the
15 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and
16 (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be
17 Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

18 10. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL

19 Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court order secured after
20 appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public record in this action
21 any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply
22 with Civil Local Rule 79-5.

23 11. FINAL DISPOSITION

24 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within sixty days
25 after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material
26 to the Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies,
27 abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing or capturing any of the
28 Protected Material. With permission in writing from the Designating Party, the Receiving Party

1 may destroy some or all of the Protected Material instead of returning it. Whether the Protected
2 Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the
3 Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the sixty day
4 deadline that identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was
5 returned or destroyed and that affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,
6 abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the
7 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival
8 copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney
9 work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that
10 contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in
11 Section 4 above.

12 12. MISCELLANEOUS

13 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to
14 seek its modification by the Court in the future.

15 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Order, no
16 Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any
17 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any
18 right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Order.
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1 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

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3 Dated: February __, 2009

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5 By: _____

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7 Attorneys for Defendant
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9 Dated: March 9, 2009

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11 Dated: March 23, 2009

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13 Dated: March 9, 2009

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16 Attorneys For Plaintiff
OBELIA VILLAFLORES and WILLIAM
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18 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19 Dated: _____

20 Hon. Maxine M. Chesney
21 United States District Judge

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3 Dated: March 23, 2009

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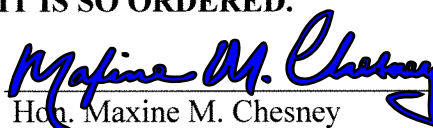
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18 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19 Dated: March 26, 2009



Hon. Maxine M. Chesney
United States District Judge